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SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT EGYPTIAN TOURIST OFFICE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT AT ABOUT 3:30 A.M. ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1975, AN UNKNOWN PERSON THREW A BRICK THROUGH THE GLASS WINDOW OF THE EGYPTIAN TOURIST OFFICE LOCATED AT ROCKEFELLER CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY. THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS VOICED ITS CONCERN OVER THIS LATEST INCIDENT INVOLVING THE EGYPTIAN TOURIST OFFICE, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SECURITY MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID FUTURE INCIDENTS.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND WITH SECURITY OFFICERS AT ROCKEFELLER CENTER TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO AFFORD GREATER PROTECTION FOR THE TOURIST OFFICE. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT ROCKEFELLER CENTER SECURITY OFFICERS WILL INSTITUTE A NEW PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE EGYPTIAN TOURIST OFFICE PREMISES WILL BE CHECKED ON A FREQUENT BUT IRREGULAR RATHER THAN REGULAR

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TIME SCHEDULE. CHANGE IN PROCLDURE SHOULD MAKE IT MORE

DIFFICULT FOR WOULD BE TROUBLE MAKERS TO OPERATE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM SECURITY GUARDS. IN ADDITION, NEW YORK CITY POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE TOURIST OFFICE.

3. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER HAS CONVEYED USG REGRET TO EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MINISTER AND HAS OUTLINED MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED BY ROCKEFELLER CENTER SECURITY OFFICERS TO PREVENT SUCH FUTURE INCIDENTS. INGERSOLL

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